

SECTION 8

DEVELOPMENT SIGNING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish regulations for the installation of signs in new suburban developments and the contiguous highway system which are necessary before the Department will accept the development streets for maintenance.

Legal Authorization

Chapter 1, Section 141 of Title 17 of the Delaware Code delegates authority to the Delaware Department of Transportation to install, maintain, and remove all traffic control devices necessary to implement Chapter 41 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, and regulations adopted thereunder applicable to all State highways of the State of Delaware.

Chapter 5, Section 508 of Title 17 of the Delaware Code requires the Developer of a subdivision with streets dedicated to the public use to purchase and install all street name and regulatory signs deemed necessary by the Department prior to street acceptance.

Placement of Signs - General

Traffic signs shall be furnished and installed by the developer in accordance with a signing plan prepared by his consultant engineer and approved by the Department. Signs shall be installed in accordance with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) and Standard Sheet T-5. The Department shall provide direction regarding necessary signs and their placement on the signing plan at the time of semi-final construction plan review.

Specifications - General

All signs shall conform to Federal and State specifications applicable to size, color and fabrication. In order to insure uniformity the Department will prepare signs upon request provided that the developer bears all costs for the signs. However, developers are encouraged to seek private sources first. Additional information pertaining to the size, colors, and fabrication of signs may be obtained by contacting the Department's Sign Shop at the following address.

Division of Highways
Sign Shop
P.O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19903
Phone (302) 739-4366

Maintenance of Signs

The Developer of a new suburban development under construction is required to purchase, install and maintain all signs required by the Department. Once a development street is accepted for maintenance by the State, the Department shall assume maintenance for all the signs which were required for acceptance.

Signs Required in Suburban Developments

Street Name Signs

-Placement

The location of street name signs shall be in accordance with Figure VIII-1 "Street Name Sign Location".

-Specifications

Street name signs shall be fabricated with 4" Type II or Type III silver reflective sheeting on a background of 6" Type II green reflective sheeting mounted on 6 3/4" aluminum sign extrusion, as specified on Standard Sheet T-4.

Development Name Signs

-Placement

The development name signs shall be installed within the right-of-way of the highway on which the entrance(s) is (are) located. The signs shall be placed within 750 feet of the centerline of the entrance(s). In order to adequately notify motorists of entrances to suburban developments, one set of development name signs can be authorized per major or minor roadway on which there is an entrance.

The development name signs are not directional signs nor guide signs and the placement of these signs at adjacent intersections near the development or on State maintained roads other than the road on which the entrance(s) is(are) located is prohibited.

-Specifications

All development name signs shall be fabricated on Type II or Type III reflective sheeting mounted on 0.080 (minimum) aluminum sheet. The signs shall have a yellow legend and blue background.

Regulatory and Warning Signs

-Placement

One "Speed Limit 25" - Pictorial "Watch Children" sign combination shall be installed at each entrance to a suburban development. Other signs shall be installed in accordance with requirements of the Department.

-Specifications

All regulatory, warning, and other traffic control signs shall be fabricated from Type II or Type III reflective sheeting on 0.080 (minimum) aluminum sheet and shall conform to requirements found in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways and Department Policy.